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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Prior to examination of the present Application, Applicants respectfully request Sir: that the above-identified application be amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121, please substitute for original claims 7, 8, 11, 12, 17 and 19-22 the following rewritten version of the same claim, as amended. The change is shown explicitly in the attached "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

(Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein the cultivation medium in step (ii) does not substantially or entirely consist of whole milk, but at least partially of skimmed milk or cream.